

INDIVIDUAL, IN WAR, IS SACRIFICED TO STATE

Man No Longer Is a Sovereign Personality, but Even Less Than a Serf.

MUST RENOUNCE EVERYTHING
Dr. Max Nordau Condemns School Called "Organicist," and Combats Revolving Sophisms That Take Disguise of Patriotism.

BY DR. MAX NORDAU.
CHAPTER I.

[This is the first of two new articles by Max Nordau, the eminent scientist and historian, condemning the fetish of "organicism." They have heightened interest because Dr. Nordau was inspired by the French on account of his Tauton birth. He was recently paroled for his distinguished services, and is now living in Madrid.—Editor.]

For thousands of years the relation of the individual to the state has been the object of philosophical speculation. Does the state exist for the benefit of the individual? Does the individual exist to be used up, to be spent up by the state?

Is it the function and the end of the state to render the life of each citizen more secure, easier, more fruitful, happier, by means of order, of justice, of the enforcing of criminal and civil law, of the execution of great public works which he beyond the possibilities of individuals or small groups?

Is it the duty of the citizen to sacrifice his ease, his happiness, his fortune, his powers, his life to the state without expecting any present or future advantage to himself or his family, without the right of asking for what useful and plausible purpose he ought to make all the sacrifices exacted from him?

Plato entertains no doubt as to the reply upon these questions. "The state is everything; the individual is nothing. To the state all the rights; to the individual all the duties. The end of the individual is to maintain the state; the end of the state is to maintain itself and to attain the highest possible degree of power, authority, splendor and glory."

DIRECTLY OPPOSITE VIEW
TAKEN BY HENRIET SPENCER

Henriet Spencer's standpoint is directly opposite to that of Plato. She holds the individualistic doctrine that the individual is his own end; that men are created for man; that the state, in order to justify its being, is bound to further all the interests of the individual.

The young science of sociology, which owes to Auguste Comte its name and its outlines, endeavors to establish the meaning of the concepts "State" and "Individual."

There is in sociology a school called the "organicist," which asserts that the individual has no existence at all; that he comes into being only by the body politic and as an entirely subordinate nonautonomous particle of the community; that the only reality within the species is society, is the state; that we have to look upon as upon a living organism in which the individual is a mere cell, which by itself outside the body politic, separated from it, has no life meaning as a cell extracted from a highly differentiated being, from a man or from a warm-blooded animal.

In time of peace this subject might have been discussed and debated academically. In war time it ceases to be a matter of debate. The question is settled. Plato, his train-bearer, Hegel, the organicist triumphant.

In spite of all theories the state asserts itself as practically all-powerful and the individual finds himself degraded to a tool. In war the claim is self-determination of the individual is dismissed. He is no longer a sovereign personality; he is a serf; no, he is less, he is a mere thing of which a superior power disposes in an unlimited manner.

MAN MUST BE PREPARED FOR EXTREME SACRIFICE

Not only must he be prepared for the most extreme sacrifice, that of his life in the battle field, but even before he faces at command the enemy's weapons, he must renounce all his own in his soul and heart; his most cherished inclinations, his deepest convictions, his right of criticizing the nature and end of his proper acts and of those of others, his capacity for distinguishing between good and bad. He is forbidden to utter his views, the censor prevents it. Censorship interferes with his very act of thinking. A calculated suggestion emanating from the government creates general delusions, degenerating into a mass delirium which bewilders everybody's mind. Truth is darkened, lies are raised to the status of a dogma, a fanaticism takes hold of the body politic and subjects everybody's opinion to violence.

Whoever dares, in spite of this, to form a divergent judgment and to maintain it, is stamped by common consent as a criminal, a traitor, an anarchist, an enemy of his nation whom it is a duty and a merit to suppress.

The annihilation of the individual, his drowning in the state, is fully justified if it is admitted that the end of the state is war. War suffers no individualism. It did not suffer it even in the remotest times, when it dissolved itself into a number of picturesque or epic single fights, for the single fighters also had to agree among them as to the time and place of their acts of prowess, and to obey a general plan if their valor was not to be stricken with barrenness.

In our time of scientific warfare it is absurd and unthinkable. A single will must be the whole national organism; a single mind must think, judge, scheme for all; a single executive must dispose of all resources of the whole nation.

A state allowing its citizens individual rights, respecting their personality, hesitating to use them without regard, has no chance in war against an adversary who halts at no consideration for individuals and uses them like so many engines.

DENIES THAT WAR IS END OF THE STATE

But is war the end of the state? I deny it with my utmost energy. It is the contention of the mystics of state omnipotence. They drive about "will for power," "impulse to domination," "the not know what," "mission to subject the whole universe to their influence," about imposing their mentality upon the entire mankind, about fixing their territorial frontiers according to their own wants, about annexing all foreign territories they deem necessary or useful to them.

These are revolting sophisms that do not become moral because they take

Present Efforts May Not Succeed

Some Officials Less Hopeful for Ultimate Result of Polk-Arredondo Conferences.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Acting-Secretary Polk held his fifth conference today with Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador-designate, in an effort to arrive at an agreement regarding the proposed negotiations for settlement of matters in dispute between the two governments.

The fact that no announcement followed to-day's meeting was construed to mean that a satisfactory reply had not been received from Mexico City to the proposals. The negotiations government has proposed to the commission plan suggested by General Carranza. The United States is urging that wide latitude be given the negotiators, rather than the narrow instructions proposed in the last Carranza note. Final decision upon the commission plan itself rests largely upon the determination of the question of the subjects to be discussed. Pending settlement of that point, nothing else can be decided, and the whole informal negotiation appears to be halting for General Carranza's action in that regard.

It was intimated to-day that continued delay in arriving at an agreement as to the form and scope of the negotiations has served to render some officials less hopeful for the ultimate success of the conference between Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo. In some quarters the belief is held that if a compromise has not been reached by this time, little is to be expected from the present efforts to find a peaceful solution.

The dispute of patriotism. A state has no more moral right to fly at its neighbor in pursuit of its own profit than has an individual to enter as a burglar the house of his fellow-man or to pick his pocket because he has good employ for his property or for the contents of his purse.

Whoever propounds the theory of a double morality, a public and private one, or pretends that the state is not bound by ethical law, disavows his own, deep immorality, and reveals himself as a criminal, in intention if not in deed.

(Two second and concluding articles of this series will be published next Sunday.)

LAUNCH BIG OIL TANKER AT NEWPORT NEWS PLANT

The Antwerpen Has Capacity of More Than 5,000,000 Gallons.

It Is Said.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 22.—That giant oil tanker, Antwerpen, of the Standard Oil Company, was sent over the ways at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company yesterday afternoon. Mrs. F. R. Asche, wife of President Asche, of the owning company, christened the vessel.

The Antwerpen, known at the local yard as Hull 121, is of 8,374 gross tons, is 160 feet long, 60 feet beam and 35 feet deep. She will make Rotterdam her home port.

There was the usual post-launching luncheon at a local hotel, at which speeches appropriate to the occasion were made.

The Antwerpen is one of a fleet of oil tankers which the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company is building for the Standard Oil Company.

These vessels are by far the largest tankers yet constructed in the United States, and are only slightly exceeded in size by a few tankers in the entire world. Some idea of their enormous capacity may be obtained from the fact that each vessel has a tank capacity for over 5,000,000 gallons of cargo oil.

CASEMENT RESOLUTION AGAIN BEFORE SENATE

Extended Discussion Follows Unsuccessful Effort of Martine to Get Action.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Extended discussion in which Senators Williams and Vandaman participated, to-day followed an unsuccessful effort of Senator Martine to get action on his resolution to have President Wilson urge a stay of execution for Sir Roger Casement, Chairman Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, in opposing the resolution, said Ambassador Page had informed the State Department that the British government would resent any such representations. Mrs. Agnes Newman, sister of Sir Roger, sat in the gallery during the discussion.

Senator Williams asked what the United States would have thought if the British Parliament had adopted a resolution of intercession in the case of Mrs. Suratt, who was executed for complicity in the murder of Abraham Lincoln.

For one government to arraign the course of justice in another government is one of the most insulting things a government can do," said Senator Williams.

Senator Vandaman, in sympathy with the resolution, urged Senator Martine to eliminate from it the criticism in the preamble of the British court, which refers to Casement's hearing as "a hasty, so-called trial."

Senator Martine finally offered a new resolution, which would request the President to advise the American ambassador at Great Britain to "use his kindly offices unofficially to ask for commutation in the sentence of death passed upon Sir Roger Casement."

Senator Phelan submitted one to ask the British government for "clemency in the treatment of Irish political prisoners." Both went over until Monday without action.

CHARTER RAILWAY COMPANY

Line From Towns to Sapphires, in North Carolina, Will Be Constructed.

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RALEIGH, N. C., July 22.—A charter was issued for the Towns Western

Railway Company, of Towns, Transylvania County, to-day, with capital of \$75,000, for the construction of a railway line from Towns to Sapphires, Jackson County. The directors are Jerome Meltz, Lee Shares, E. S. Meltz, V. P. Shares, J. S. Adams, J. G. Adams, and H. C. Jarvis, each one share.

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Miss Emma Cook, of Prospect, Va., has been awarded the 420 gold prize offered by the First National Bank of Farmville, for the Canning Club girl making the best record on one-tenth of an acre of tomatoes this season in Prince Edward county, under the rules laid down by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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PLANS FOR REUNION

Confederate Veterans to Meet at Fishers Hill on Saturday, August 5.

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WINCHESTER, VA., July 22.—The annual Fishers Hill Reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held on Saturday, August 5, under the direction of Stover Camp, U. C. V., of Strasburg, and it is expected that the crowd will be fully up to the average, which is about 20,000.

President Wilson, who was invited to make the principal address, told a committee of veterans at the White House several days ago that the pressure of official duties made it necessary for him to decline their invitation. Members of the committee, Rev. J. D. Hamaker, Major C. M. Borum and Captain H. C. Burgess, were presented to the President by Representative James Hay.

DROWNED FROM LAUNCH

Philip H. Muir, of Matthews, Lost Balance and Falls Into River.

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COLLISION INJURY FATAL

Leo Edwards, on Motorcycle, Is Hurtled Through Windshield of Automobile.

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HEATHSVILLE, VA., July 22.—As the result of a collision yesterday between Leo Edwards, of Fleeton, and H. Gordon Blundon, of Reedville, the former riding a motorcycle and the latter driving an automobile, Mr. Edwards died to-day in a Baltimore hospital, to which he had been taken after the accident.

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